

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Mueller Steam Specialty, a division of Core Industries, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: 5,443,722 Filed/Issue Date: August 22, 1995

Entitled: DUAL STRAINER

Mueller Steam Specialty a division of Core Industries, Inc.  
(Name of Assignee) a division of Core Industries, Inc. (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Jeff Miller August 29, 2008  
Signature Date  
Jeff Miller 978-688-6219  
Printed or Typed Name Telephone Number  
Assistant Corporate Secretary and Assistant General Counsel  
Title

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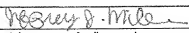
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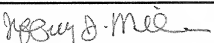
<b>REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE</b>		Docket Number (optional) 87344.1524
I hereby declare that:		
The residence, mailing address and citizenship of the inventors are stated below.		
I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee: <u>Mueller Steam Specialty, a division of Core Industries, Inc.</u>		
and the title of my position with said assignee is: <u>Assistant Corporate Secretary and Assistant General Counsel</u>		
The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said assignee.		
Inventor <u>Ashvin D. Desai</u>	Citizenship <u>US</u>	
Residence/Mailing Address <u>7 Trinity Drive, Lumberton, NC 28358</u>		
Inventor <u>Robert Whritenour</u>	Citizenship <u>US</u>	
Residence/Mailing Address <u>4211 Aldwyche Drive, Lumberton NC 28358</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.		
Patent Number <u>5,443,722</u>	Date of Patent Issued <u>August 22, 1995</u>	
I believe said inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; min-height: 100px;"> <p style="margin: 0;">DUPLEX STRAINER</p> </div>		
the specification of which		
<input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was filed on <u>July 18, 2003</u> as reissue application number <u>10</u> / <u>621,317</u> and was amended on <u>7/18/2003; 2/14/2005; 8/15/2005; 2/21/2006; 4/4/2006; 9/13/2006; 1/24/2007</u> (If applicable) and <u>8/12/2007</u>		
I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.		
I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/02B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications.		
I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> by reason of a defective specification or drawing. <input type="checkbox"/> by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by reason of other errors.		

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<p>At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:</p> <p>Claim 1 contains erroneous wording, such as "second port" which should be "third port."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Attach additional sheets, if needed.]</p> <p>All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.</p>												
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<p>as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.</p>												
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<p>I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.</p>												
<p>Signature <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 250px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span></p>		<p>Date August 29, 2008</p>										
<p>Full name of person signing (given name, family name) Jeff Miller, Assist. Corp. Secretary, Mueller Steam Specialty</p>												
<p>Address of Assignee 1491-A NC Highway 20 West, St. Pauls NC 28384</p>												

<b>REISSUE APPLICATION: CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE; STATEMENT OF NON-ASSIGNMENT</b>		Docket Number (Optional)  87344.1524
This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.		
Name of Patentee(s) Mueller Steam Specialty, division of Core Industries, Inc.		
Patent Number 5,443,722	Date Patent Issued August 22, 1995	
Title of Invention DUPLEX STRAINER		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). (Form PTO/SB/96)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s), and no assignment of the patent is in effect.</p> <p>One of boxes 1 or 2 above must be checked. If multiple assignees, complete this form for each assignee. If box 2 is checked, skip the next entry and go directly to "Name of Assignee".</p> <p>The written consent of all assignees and inventors owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.</p>		
The assignee(s) owning an undivided interest in said original patent is/are <u>Mueller Steam Specialty</u> and the assignee(s) consents to the accompanying application for reissue.		
Name of assignee/inventor (if not assigned) Mueller Steam Specialty, a division of Core Industries Inc.		
Signature 	Date 8-29-08	
Typed or printed name and title of person signing for assignee (if assigned)  Jeff Miller, Assistant Corporate Secretary and Assistant General Counsel of Mueller Steam Specialty		

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